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at its meeting in May 1953. The Minister for Agriculture is a member on the Standing Committee. The need for a liberal grant under soil conservation to extend the scheme of afforestation of waste lands to all the dry districts of the State and the reorganisation of the Forest Research Laboratory as a regional Research Centre for the South was placed before the Committee.

609. The first meeting of the State Committee for Wild Life met in June 1953 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. The implementation of the several recommendations of the Indian Board for Wild Life was considered. A small sub-committee was formed to examine and report to the State-Committee the several subjects that came up for discussion particularly with reference to the absolute protection to be imparted to certain animals, revision of Game laws to bring into a standard with the laws existing in other parts of India, with particular reference to the Bombay Game Act, propaganda and education on wild Life, etc.,

610. With a view to meet the increasing demand for firewood both from urban and rural areas, it is proposed to raise annually 1,000 acres of fast growing fuel plantations under the direct supervision of a special Division.

611. The following four Development schemes of the department included in the Five-Year Plan were continued during the year:—

1. Central Sylvicultural Research Station, Bangalore.
2. Afforestation of waste lands.
3. Formation of Cinchona Plantation and
4. Lac Cultivation.

The total revenue of the department amounted to Rs. 1,01,10,349 inclusive of Sandal Oil net receipts.

(vii) Marketing Department.

612. One lakh two hundred and forty-nine (77,448) units of weights and measures were presented for testing of which 95,836 (70,624) units of weights and measures were certified for correctness. A total sum of Rs. 14,458 (10,406) was realised as testing fees during the year.

613. One hundred and fifty-two (181) cases under the Mysore Weights and Measures Act, 1902 for having used false and uncertified weights and measures were launched during the year. A sum of Rs. 2,501 (Rs. 6,195) was realised as fines.

614. The Mysore Weights and Measures Act is in force in 100 notified places in the State.

615. Various forecasts of agricultural produce received from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, were sent to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, New Delhi.

616. Weekly and fortnightly wholesale prices of seed potatoes, bananas, papaya, sweet potato, etc., were collected and furnished to the Economic and Statistical Adviser to the Government of India, New Delhi.

617. Information relating to the corruption in Railways was collected and furnished to the Government of India in response to the questionnaire issued in this behalf.

618. The publication of prices in local newspapers and dissemination of Market News through the All India Broadcasting Station, Mysore were continued in addition to the collection and supply of Market News as and when required by the Central Agricultural Marketing Department and also other State Governments including Military authorities.

619. The Mysore Warehouses Rules, 1953 framed under the Mysore Warehouses Act, 1951 were adopted by Government during the year.

620. The Regulated Markets at Tiptur, Davangere, Mysore, Chitaldrug, Shimoga, Tumkur and Arsikere continued to function during the year.

621. The Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition in September 1953 and also in the Congress Exhibition held at Bangalore in March 1954. Weights and Measures manufactured by the Government Electric Factory and Central Industrial Workshop respectively as per the specifications laid down in Mysore Weights and Measures Act were also exhibited.